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Dear Sir:

[XXX] NO FEES ARE PAYABLE WITH RESPECT TO THIS RESPONSE.

In response to the Final Official Action mailed January 14, 2004, please enter the following before reconsideration of this application.

In the Specification:

Please amend paragraphs 11, 17, 18 and 39 of the specification as follows in which the specification additions are shown by underlining and the specification deletions are shown by strikeout. Please enter the amended specification paragraphs into the record of this case.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 27-40, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein, in favor of new claims 41-54 as follows.



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[011] BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION DRAWINGS ♦♦

[017] ~~Fig 6 a perspective view of a detail shown in Fig 5; and~~ ♦♦

[018] Fig ~~[[7]]~~ 6 an alternative schematic diagram, similar to the one shown in
Fig 4. ♦♦

[039] In the diagram shown in Fig ~~[[7]]~~ 6, besides the symbols already ♦♦
described, symbol 2 represents three measuring/aeration (venting) points, 5 a
manometer, 21 three check valves, 23 a pressure limiting valve and 25 a manual
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